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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 401  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Petty Officer Kenneth M. King upon being named the USS Tennessee Sailor of the Year.

WHEREAS, Our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those service men and women who continue this time-honored tradition by honorable serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, One such remarkable citizen is United States Navy Petty Officer Kenneth M. King who has been named the USS Tennessee Sailor of the Year 2000; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Machinery Division on the *USS Tennessee* from May 2000 to June 2000, Petty Officer King served with great bravery and ability as a Machinist's Mate First Class; and

WHEREAS, His superior leadership abilities and high standards of watchstanding directly resulted in his engineering duty section receiving perfect marks from inspection activities

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specifically tasked with identifying deficiencies; under his astute guidance his watch-team performed above and beyond challenging refit demands; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kenneth King further distinguished himself in his coordination and supervision of the difficult repair and subsequent retest of five steam generating valves and 10 sub safe and level one components; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Kenneth M. King's exemplary performance and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service; he serves his country with the utmost dedication, courage, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Petty Officer King for his devotion to the United States of America and its citizens, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Petty Officer Kenneth M. King for meritorious service to his country in the United States Navy, congratulate him on receiving USS Tennessee Sailor of the Year 2000, express our gratitude for a difficult job well done, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.